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configuration and having a surface fuzz value of not less than 7.5 after being subjected to a surface fuzz abrasion test, with the proviso that if the bicomponent fiber content is 85 weight percent or greater, then the surface fuzz value exceeds 8.0.

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27. (amended) The face mask of claim 25, wherein the surface fuzz value is not less than 8.0 regardless of bicomponent fiber content.

28. (amended) The face mask of claim 25, wherein the surface fuzz value is not less than 9.0 regardless of bicomponent fiber content.

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31. (amended) The face mask of claim 25, wherein the surface fuzz value is not less than 8.4 regardless of bicomponent fiber content.

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32. (amended) A fibrous filtration face mask, which comprises:

- (a) a harness; and
- (b) a nonwoven fibrous layer attached to the harness and containing at least 40 weight percent thermally bonding fibers based on the weight of fibers in the nonwoven fibrous layer, at least 10 weight percent of the fibers in the nonwoven layer being bicomponent fibers, the nonwoven fibrous layer being molded in a cup-shaped configuration and having a surface fuzz value of not less than 7.5 after being subjected to a surface fuzz abrasion test, with the proviso that if the bicomponent fiber content is 85 weight percent or greater, then the surface fuzz value exceeds 8.0.

33. (amended) The fibrous filtration face mask of claim 32, wherein the nonwoven fibrous layer contains at least 20 weight percent bicomponent fiber and the surface fuzz value is not less than 8.4 regardless of bicomponent fiber content after being subjected to a surface fuzz abrasion test.

Please add claims 35-37 to this application:

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35. The face mask of claim 25, wherein the surface fuzz value is not less than 9.5 regardless of bicomponent fiber content.
